the information available from IRBI, as on 30-6-1985, total assistance of Rs. 354.21 crores was sanctioned by it to 338 units in the country. In addition, healthy units are also encouraged through Income-Tax relief to take over sick units by way of amalgamation.

'The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985' has also been enacted which provides, inter-alia, for timely detection of sick and potentially sick industrial units and for establishment of a quasi-judicial body to be designated as the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction with powers to consider suitable measures for speedy rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industrial units.

Production of PVC Resin

2562. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the demand of PVC Resin in the country;

(b) what is the quantity of PVC Resin produced in the country;

(c) what percentage of PVC pipes production is used in agriculture and water supply;

(d) what is the proposal of the Government to meet the shortage of PVC Resin; and

(e) whether Government propose to import PVC Resin and then supply it to actual users; if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The estimated demand of PVC resin during 1986-87 is 1,80,000 MT.

(b) The likely production of PVC resin during 1986-87 will be 115000 MT.

(c) Around 90%.

(d) and (e) The import of PVC resin is under OGL and the actual users can import their requirement. Over and above this MMTC has been asked to make efforts to import PVC resin for supply to the actual users.

Leakage of DMT/PTA file

2563. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the leakage of its files on DMT/PTA Reliance-Bombay Dyeing issue as reported in the Patriot of 19th September, 1986;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article on the subject in "Clarity" (Bombay) of 5th October, 1986 and if so, what is the reaction of the Government to various points brought out therein; and

(c) whether Government propose to refer the matter to CBI ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The reports which appeared in the month of September, 1986 contained certain extracts from the official records of the Ministry of Industry. An inquiry has been ordered into this matter.

PTA/DMT policies

2564. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding the recent PTA/DMT controversy;

(b) whether Government has its avowed policy of encouraging the latest technology; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for choosing pro-DMT policy 1985-86 in preference to pro-PTA policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) PTA and DMT are alternative raw-materials for manufacture of polyester, though PTA is a later entrant.

The production PTA is yet to be established in the country. However, DMT is available indigenously. The requirements of DMT and PTA depends on the users who would assess their needs based on the various factors such as existing equipments, additional facilities required etc. It is the policy of the Government that indigenous DMT should be used to the maximum extent possible as against the imported PTA till PTA is also available in sufficient quantity indigenously.

It is understood that during 1985, the world consumption of DMT and PTA was around in the ratio of 52% and 48%.

Steps to reduce the import of foreign crude

2565. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not much foreign exchange could be saved during the last three years on account of oil imports despite indigenisation, new oil finds and import substitution;

(b) whether the production of Indian crude has increased substantially during the period;

(c) if so, what are the details in regard to (a) and (b) above; and

(d) what further steps are being proposed to be taken to reduce the import of foreign crude during the next five years and to develop joint ventures and technical collaborations to locate new area of oil and natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Imports of crude oil/petroleum products are made after taking into consideration the production and demand in the country. Details regarding the indigenous production of crude oil and the amount of foreign exchange spend on crude oil and petroleum products during the last three years are as given below:

Quantity : Million Tonnes
Value : Rs/Crores

Period	Indigenous production of crude oil	Value of imports of crude oil/petroleum products
1983-84	26·02	4812
1984-85	28·99	5345
1985-86*	30·17	4960

*Provisional

If the production of indigenous crude had not gone up as mentioned above, the quantum for foreign exchange spent on imports would have been higher.

(d) Steps being taken to reduce the import of crude oil and to increase production in the country are intensification of exploration, use of enhanced recovery techniques, intensification of work-over operation, induction of advanced technology. Further, 17 proposals have been approved for foreign collaboration for drilling services. Out of these, 13 are for setting up of joint ventures and four for technical collaboration.